

To: City of Tigard (Attention Steve Martin)

From: Jennifer Woodard (Daughter-In-Law of Charles and Arlie Woodard)

Subject: Request Skeleton Property a City Park be extended the name of Woodard Park

It is the desire of the Woodard family the newly purchased park land [Skeleton Property] off of Walnut Street retain its namesake as an extension of Woodard Park.

Where the two land masses [Woodard Park and Skeleton property] are abutted by Fanno Creek and connected by Johnson Street and genesis loop trail system; and where there is a significant history regarding the Woodard family origins associated with this property.

The family humbly requests the city extend Woodard Park naming convention to newly acquired city park, once owned by Edward Woodard family [Former Mayor].

This newly acquired parks land has significant family civil and military service history where Edward and Veronica Woodard raised their family and where 3 generations of family members have served the citizens of Tigard and service to country. And Where Edward A. Woodard, Jr., paid the ultimate price in service to this country.

Detailed Woodard Homestead Origins and History: From a historical roots and public service perspective, 3 generations of family members have origins to this new parks land where family members selflessly served community and country with distinction and honor.

Edward Woodard Sr., born in 1892, was enlisted in the Army infantry for 3 years during WW1 and served in France. He was a charter member of Tigard City Council and was Mayor from 1961-1965. Woodard Park is named after him for public service exceptionalism after his service on council. He owned the first beer brew pub in Downtown Tigard, which then became the Tigard liquor store in 1939. He built the brick building to operate these businesses and today is used as a computer learning center next to the newly developed Geffory Allen Gallery. Chuck, Edward's son took over the Tigard Liquor Store in 1957 and ran it until he retired in 2011.

Edward Sr., raised his family on this Walnut Street [Skeleton] property in a two story home from ~1925-1954 [now demolished and designated park land]. From this Derry Dell residence, Edwards two sons and 3 daughters were raised, they farmed the land in the rich wetland soil to subsidized their meals and attended St. Anthony's grade school and church.

To give a few examples of the type of person the former mayor was; when the city couldn't pay the electric bills at one point, he walked door-to-door collecting donations to keep the city Street lights turned on.

He also planted the Walnut trees on a familiar street in town [Walnut Street] where a few still stand on the newly acquired park property. He did this because he thought it important for someone to lead by example to improve the appearance of the entire street and attract more residents to Tigard. He was truly for the people.

In early summer of 2014, the city began making improvements on this land after purchasing it. First by demolishing the old family home to make room for a newly acquired park and connected trail system to provide more park lands activities, including preservation of wildlife areas for residents, families and students as part of the cities healthy connectivity and development vision; while upgrading badly needed city services infrastructure.

The Woodard family origin, history and culture throughout three generations included civil and military service exceptionalism, where this tradition continues on today spanning generations after Edwards passing.

For example, Edward's son Charles served in the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class during the Korean War as an Anti-Submarine Radar Flight crew member on P2V Air Craft for 4 years. Then his public service included approximately 6 years on the Tigard Planning Commission and numerous community service projects while he ran the Tigard Liquor Store for more than half a century. He was the first public service volunteer to coordinate the first City, County and State Intergovernmental agreement project and work with a coastal corrections institution for labor resources Chuck supervised. This project scope entailed clearing all the black berry bushes along and around 99HWY overpass and Fanno Creek areas.

This was quite a project and undertaking to remove invasive species 8-10' thick throughout the area. The project expanse ran from the Main Street Bridge covering both sides of the overpass up to Greenburg and North Main Street gateway. And from the bridge heading East on Fanno Creek along both banks to where City Hall sits.

Chuck also coordinated and project managed the materials and installation of 10 bench seats throughout Main Street where 4 are still in use. He also acquired the first waste receptacles with pole stand and business banister and flower hangers which were recently removed to make room for new green street amenities. He was also a staunch advocate, contributor and donator of the Skate Park and team player for the Down Town improvement plans.

For years throughout the late 80's and early 90's he and his family maintained all the flowers attached to the granulated rock trash receptacles on Main Street, using golf carts Chuck purchased and serviced. Family members and employees of the Tigard Liquor Store watered these plants for nearly 4 years and sometimes watering them twice a day on hot days. Chuck and his families commitment to beautifying the Down Town area and sustain it was the

leadership model and vision Mayor Edward Woodard had for the Down Town area years ago. Giving back to the community was ingrained within Chuck through his father's example.

Chuck's brother Edward A. Woodard, Jr., was drafted for 2 years in the Navy. At the break of WW2, he became an aircraft mechanic and shortly thereafter was picked to become a fighter pilot in the Navy and commissioned lieutenant for which he served a total time of 6 years active duty. Thereafter he spent another 3 years in the Air National Guard as Captain. He flew a classified mission to the Pentagon. On his way back from this mission his aircraft had a flame out where power and propulsion were lost. From the records, it showed he attempted to correct the loss of power and momentarily regained control before he crashed. Edward Jr., ultimately and unfortunately lost his life in service to country on this day.

Chuck raised 4 sons who followed in similar family service paths. Chuck's father definitely had an influence on his family. Steve the eldest son served 15 years in the Navy with a similar job as his father during service as an "Anti-Submarine Radar Flight crew member." Mike served 5 years in the Navy. Nick served 6 years in the Marines. All of Chuck's children including Terry who now operates the Tigard liquor store volunteered one way or the other during the early Main Street beautification efforts in support of small business and community.

My brother-in-law Marc Woodard which you know well has completed his 1st term and recently won a 2nd term on city council. He served in the military and within two branches: enlisted Air Force for 9 years and then commissioned lieutenant through Oregon Military Academy and served in the US Army medical services corp. He retired as Captain in the Army National Guard with nearly 21 years of combined military service.

There is over 100 years combined family history of service to country and community where the roots of this heritage and example of public service tells a story of leadership, community building, civil volunteerism and dedication to service for the good of the public at large. I can't think of anything more fitting to honor this family and their contributions in service to the city and country then to keep these two adjoined land masses named as one park identity.

It is the family's desire and hope that Tigard City council recognize this family's leadership, contributions to community and selfless sacrifice in service to country for 3 generations and request extending Woodard Park name to the newly acquired park land on Walnut Street.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Woodard, family representative